

and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on H.R. 3963, H.R. 3878 and H.R. 4501, the last three bills considered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GILLMOR). Is there objection to the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING QUESTION OF PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of privileges of the House and offer a privileged resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule IX, the gentleman will state the form of the resolution.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, in accordance with House rule IX, clause 1, expressing the sense of the House that the House's integrity has been impugned because the anti-dumping provisions of the Trade and Tariff Act of 1930 (Subtitle B of Title VII) have not been expeditiously enforced;

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the House of Representatives calls upon the President of the United States to:

(1) Immediately review and investigate for a period of 10 days the entry into the customs territory of the United States of all steel products that are the product or manufacture of Australia, China, South Africa, Ukraine, Indonesia, India, Japan, Russia, South Korea, or Brazil;

(2) Immediately impose a one-year ban on imports of all steel products that are the product or manufacture of Australia, China, South Africa, Ukraine, Indonesia, India, Japan, Russia, South Korea, or Brazil, if, after the above referenced review period, he finds that the governments of those countries are not abiding by the spirit and letter of international trade agreements with respect to dumping or other illegal actions.

(3) Establish a task force within the Executive Branch to closely monitor U.S. imports of steel from other countries to determine whether or not international trade agreements are being violated with respect to dumping and other illegal actions.

(4) Report to the Congress by no later than January 5, 1999, on any other actions the Executive Branch has taken, or intends to take, to ensure that all the trading partners of the United States abide by the spirit and letter of international trade agreements with respect to the import into the United States of steel products.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time or place designated by the Chair within two legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chair.

AUTHORIZING PRESIDENT TO CON- SENT TO THIRD PARTY TRANS- FER OF EX-U.S.S. "BOWMAN COUNTY" TO USS LST SHIP ME- MORIAL

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4519) to authorize the President to consent to third party transfer of the ex-U.S.S. *Bowman County* to the U.S.S. LST Ship Memorial, Inc.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4519

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY TO CONSENT TO THIRD PARTY TRANSFER OF EX-USS BOW- MAN COUNTY TO USS LST SHIP ME- MORIAL, INC.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) It is the long-standing policy of the United States Government to deny requests for the retransfer of significant military equipment that originated in the United States to private entities.

(2) In very exceptional circumstances, when the United States public interest would be served by the proposed retransfer and end-use, such requests may be favorably considered.

(3) Such retransfers to private entities have been authorized in very exceptional circumstances following appropriate demilitarization and receipt of assurances from the private entity that the item to be transferred would be used solely in furtherance of Federal Government contracts or for static museum display.

(4) Nothing in this section should be construed as a revision of long-standing policy referred to in paragraph (1).

(5) The Government of Greece has requested the consent of the United States Government to the retransfer of HS Rodos (ex-USS Bowman County (LST 391)) to the USS LST Ship Memorial, Inc.

(b) AUTHORITY TO CONSENT TO RETRANS- FER.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the President may consent to the retransfer by the Government of Greece of HS Rodos (ex-USS Bowman County (LST 391)) to the USS LST Ship Memorial, Inc.

(2) CONDITIONS FOR CONSENT.—The President should not exercise the authority under paragraph (1) unless the USS LST Memorial, Inc.—

(A) utilizes the vessel for public, nonprofit, museum-related purposes; and

(B) complies with applicable law with respect to the vessel, including those requirements related to facilitating monitoring by the Federal Government of, and mitigating potential environmental hazards associated with, aging vessels, and has a demonstrated financial capability to so comply.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SISISKY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within

which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 4519, the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, as the chairman of the Subcommittee on Military Procurement of the Committee on National Security, I rise in support of H.R. 4519. This bill would consent to the third-party transfer at no cost to the U.S. Government of the ex-U.S.S. *Bowman County*, a World War II era tank loading ship, to the U.S.S. LST Ship Memorial, Incorporated, a not-for-profit organization.

This organization would operate the vessel as a memorial to the veterans of World War II amphibious landings. The ex-U.S.S. *Bowman County* is currently the property of the government of Greece. It was transferred to Greece in 1960 under the Military Assistance Program.

Today, Greece wants to dispose of this vessel and is willing to transfer the ship back to the U.S. Government, who would then transfer it to the LST Ship Memorial, Incorporated.

That is the state of play, Mr. Speaker. We support this particular bill very strongly on the Republican side of the aisle and in the Committee on National Security.

We want to commend, of course, not only the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SISISKY), the ranking member on the Subcommittee on Military Procurement, but also the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HALL), who has been the prime mover of this particular bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SISISKY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, as ranking member of the Subcommittee on Military Procurement, I rise in support of H.R. 4519. I agree with the representations made by the distinguished gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER) regarding the proposed transfer of ex-U.S.S. *Bowman County*, LST 391, from the government of Greece to the U.S.S. LST Ship Memorial, Incorporated.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the very distinguished gentleman from Texas (Mr. HALL).

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SISISKY) and the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER).

Mr. Speaker, I will be brief. I just want to say a word or so of gratitude to those that have been of such great help to a group of veterans to whom this means so very much.

This bill, of course, is to recognize a group of veterans who put their lives in harm's way, and I am going to mention some of them. One of them right off, Speaker Rayburn, appropriated the funds with which these ships were built

and bought and dispatched. It is from these ships that they went to Omaha Beach.

Olin Tiger Teague of this body, the first chairman of the Committee on Space and longtime Member here departed from this ship. General Earl Rudder, who is next to the highest decorated veteran of World War II from Texas, just under Audie Murphy, embarked from this ship.

It means a lot to us and it means a lot to these old soldiers and sailors. After World War II, it was transferred to Greece. The government of Greece has requested the consent that it come back. I think all the bases have been tagged.

This ship was in Sicily. It was in Italy, Salerno, Normandy, Omaha Beach. It suffered casualties. It transported prisoners of war when the war was over. It is a ship that will find its home port in New Orleans with the help of these two fine leaders in Congress and the support their committees have given, and I appreciate it.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HALL of Texas. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I thought this might be an appropriate moment, too, to reflect on the fact that today we do not have a lot of World War II veterans in the United States Congress. At one time we had a lot of them but we now have very few. I know the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HALL) is a World War II veteran, I believe a pilot, and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SISISKY) is a World War II veteran.

I know on our side, on the national security side, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STUMP) is a World War II veteran. He claims he joined at the age of 11. I think he is trying to keep his age down there.

I just want to express my thanks to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HALL) for all of the great service that he has given this country, long before he came to the House of Representatives. I believe we only have a handful of World War II veterans right now serving in the U.S. Congress. Is that accurate?

Mr. HALL of Texas. Those of us that are just the very healthiest and have really taken care of ourselves, live real clean lives, are still around.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4519, and I want to thank my colleague from Texas, Congressman RALPH HALL, for his leadership and persistence in bringing this bill to the House floor for consideration.

Earlier this summer, I was contacted by Mr. Peter Leaska and told about the history of the U.S.S. *Bowman County*. Mr. Leaska is a member of the LST Association of Massachusetts, an association of veterans who served on these LST vessels during World War II. He is a man of quiet dedication and courage, like his fellow members in the LST Association, who served our country during its time of greatest peril.

Mr. Leaska told me how the U.S.S. *Bowman County* was used to carry troops, tanks and

guns to Normandy as part of the amphibious assault to liberate Europe. His request was simple: Could the U.S.S. *Bowman County*, now in Greece, be transferred back to the United States and to the control of the non-profit U.S.S. LST Ship Memorial? The veterans who served on these vessels want to preserve the U.S.S. *Bowman County* and display her as a museum and memorial, so that their families and today's and future generations of children might recall the heroic deeds carried out by average American men and women and be honored and remembered.

I won't go into the details of how complicated it turned out to be to fulfill this simple request made by these World War II veterans. It has taken enormous perseverance on the part of LST Association members around the country to bring us to this moment. It has taken the determination of my colleague from Texas [Congressman RALPH HALL] to provide the Congressional authorization for the transfer of this vessel to a third party. And I hope in these final days of Congress, the Senate will approve this bill and also authorize the transfer of the U.S.S. *Bowman County* to these veterans.

It's popular these days to go see the movie, "Saving Private Ryan," a beautiful film about the sacrifices and horrors faced by the men and women who served during World War II. This is a simple act to reward and remember those veterans who served on LST vessels.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. SISISKY. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4519.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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ADDING BRONCHIOLO-ALVEOLAR CARCINOMA TO LIST OF SERVICE-CONNECTED DISEASES

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 559) to amend title 38, United States Code, to add bronchiolo-alveolar carcinoma to the list of diseases presumed to be service-connected for certain radiation-exposed veterans.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 559

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. PRESUMPTION THAT BRONCHIOLO-ALVEOLAR CARCINOMA IS SERVICE-CONNECTED.

Section 1112(c)(2) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(P) Bronchiolo-alveolar carcinoma.”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GILLMOR). Pursuant to the rule, the

gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STUMP) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. EVANS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STUMP).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 559.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arizona?

There was no objection.

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. STUMP asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 559 would add bronchiolo-alveolar carcinoma to the list of diseases presumed to be service-connected for certain radiation-exposed veterans. This disease is a very particular type of rare lung cancer occurring among veterans who are exposed to ionizing radiation.

I would like to thank the cosponsor of this bill the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) who is also vice chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs for his persistence in bringing this bill to the floor. The House has passed this bill in previous Congresses; however, it has never been agreed to by the Senate.

I would strongly urge my colleagues to vote for the bill at this time.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 559 which will provide a presumption of service-connection for atomic veterans who suffer from an extremely rare form of nonsmokers' lung cancer. For those veterans who died of this disease, benefits will be made available to their surviving dependents.

I commend the author of this legislation the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) for his tireless efforts on behalf of these veterans and all veterans and their dependents. I also want to thank the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STUMP) for bringing this bill to the floor today.

The time to redress these injustices has long since passed. H.R. 559 will provide justice to a small group of veterans. Congress can and should do more to compensate those veterans who sacrificed their health and in some cases their lives on behalf of our Nation. I urge all of my colleagues to support this measure.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. STUMP. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH), the vice chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, let me thank the gentleman